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In re application of: David G. Lamphere, Thomas D. Headley

Application No.: 09/733,624
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For: Shaped Diaphragm for a Centrifuge System Rotor

Group No.: ~~2412~~ 1723
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
- i. Prior to abandonment of the application

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ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith are:

Amendment Under 27 C.F.R. § 1.116-Expedited Procedure Examining Group 2412
 New arguments
 Formal Drawings for Figures 2, 5 and 6 (Pages 1/8, 3/8 and 4/8)

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 750.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| | (Col. 1) | (Col. 2) | (Col. 3) | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | | | |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------|------|--|
| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDIT. FEE | | |
| TOTAL | 6 | – 20 | = 0 | x \$ 18.00 | = \$ | 0.00 | |
| INDEP. | 2 | – 4 | = 0 | x \$ 84.00 | = \$ | 0.00 | |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | | + \$ 280.00 | = \$ | 0.00 | |
| TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | | | | | \$ | 0.00 | |

No additional fee for claims is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for two months:

Fee: \$410.00

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

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| Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e)) | \$750.00 |
| Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d)) | \$0.00 |
| Extension of time fee (Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) | \$410.00 |
| Total Fee(s) Due: | \$1,160.00 |

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

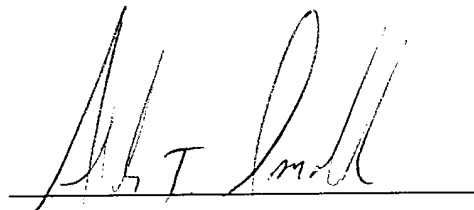
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INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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